103rd
Annual Report
of the
TOWN of CROYDON
NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Year Ending

December 31, 1953

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
Leon H. Linton

Town Clerk and Treasurer
Dana S. Gross

Selectmen
Harry L. Porter
Frank McIntosh
Willis H. Ballou

Tax Collector
Leland L. Riley

Supervisors of the Check List
Wilbur Hatch
Katherine Fogg
Cecil Dodge

Overseer of the Poor
Harry L. Porter

Police Officer and Dog Warden
Harold McAdams

Health Officer
Margaret Weber

Road Agent
Arnold Sherman

Trustees of Trust Funds
Ernest P. Kibbey
Charles E. Winter
Dana S. Gross

Trustees of Library
Beatrice Smith
Mary E. Smith
Sadie E. Muzzey

Forest Fire Warden
Willis H. Ballou

Auditors
Doris Farrington
Doris Persons

SCHOOL OFFICERS

School Board
Dana S. Gross
Ernest P. Kibbey
Margaret Weber

Moderator
W. H. Dent

Clerk and Treasurer
Willis H. Ballou

Auditor
Katherine Fogg

Truant Officer
Harold McAdams

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

L. S.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Croydon, in the County of Sullivan, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 9th day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon (the polls not to close earlier than 6 o'clock in the afternoon) to act upon the following subjects:

Art. 1. To choose one Selectman for three years, a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, two Auditors, one Trustee of the Library for three years and all such other officers and agents as may be necessary for the transaction of the Town's business for the ensuing year.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize Selectmen to appoint one or more highway agents who perform their duties under the direction of the Selectmen.

Art. 3. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for Class V roads, and raise and appropriate money for the same. Town to raise $403.90 and State to give $2,692.69.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will accept State Aid for Class V highway bridges, and raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for that purpose.

Art. 6. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for highways and bridges and keeping the roads open during the winter.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for improving town dump.

Art. 8. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Expense of the Highway Department.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate to purchase site for the new town shed.

Art. 10. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of cutting brush on the roadsides of Town highways.

Art. 11. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the upkeep of cemeteries.

Art. 12. To see if the Town wishes to raise and appropriate $500.00 for Capital Reserve Fund for acquisition of equipment.

Art. 13. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for street lighting and for lighting town buildings.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire all necessary sums of money for its use during the year, in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $40.00 for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the Town, together with other Towns in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 for White Pine Blister

Rust Control to be spent in co-operation with the State Forestry Department.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate $1,000.00 for road construction and/or to eliminate snow traps on Town roads.

Art. 18. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for old age assistance.

Art. 19. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at said Croydon this.....day of February, 1954.

HARRY L. PORTER,
FRANK McINTOSH,
WILLIS H. BALLOU,
Selectmen of Croydon.

A true copy of warrant. Attest:

HARRY L. PORTER,
FRANK McINTOSH,
WILLIS H. BALLOU,
Selectmen of Croydon.

Budget of the Town of

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the En-
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Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
From State:			
Interest and dividends tax	$ 650.00	$ 670.56	$ 700.00
Railroad tax	100.00	100.93	100.00
Savings bank tax	30.00	43.34	50.00
Gas tax refund		18.85	35.00
Reimbursement ac. exemption of growing wood and timber	4,000.00	3,911.87	4,000.00
For fighting forest fires		31.67	
Class V roads		1,075.73	1,075.73
Bounties	23.00	23.00	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog licenses	160.00	183.20	150.00
Business licenses, permits, filing fees		8.00	
Rent of town hall and other buildings	10.00	45.00	100.00
Income from trust funds	20.00	20.00	20.00
Income of Departments:			
Highway, including rental of equipment		826.13	
First New Hampshire Co-op., interest refund		55.58	
Town of Grantham, forest fire		1,279.41	
Motor vehicle permit fees	650.00	907.38	750.00
Sale of town property		100.00	
Refund, canceled check		5.95	
Refund, Gauthier & Woodard		19.65	
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:			
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes		2,000.00	

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PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1953	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1954
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:			
General Government:	$	$	$
Town officers' salaries		1,060.00	
Town officers' expenses		491.89	
Election and registration expenses	2,500.00	12.00	
Expenses of town hall and other town buildings		166.06	
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police department		12.30	
Fire department		1781.57	3,000.00
Moth extermination-Blister Rust	400.00	399.98	400.00
Insurance		509.94	
Bounties		130.50	
Health:			
Vital Statistics		9.50	
Highways and Bridges:			
Motor vehicles		94.00	
Cutting brush	400.00	425.00	400.00
Town maint., summer	3,000.00	2,924.19	3,000.00
Town maint., winter	1,500.00	1,536.27	1,500.00
Street lighting	450.00	466.52	500.00
General expenses of highway department	1,250.00	1,352.84	1,250.00
Town road aid	399.98	399.98	403.90
Libraries:		30.00	
Public Welfare:			
Town poor		14.73	
Old Age Assistance	900.00	1,111.42	1,200.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day		14.40	
Aid to soldiers and their families		33.46	

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SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
(Continued from page 6)			
First New Hampshire Co-op., grader notes		16,000.00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll taxes, regular, at $2	300.00	216.00	300.00
National Bank stock taxes	16.00	16.00	16.00
Yield tax		642.29	
Head taxes and penalties		997.50	
Total revenues from all sources except property taxes		$29,198.04	$ 7,296.73
Amount to be raised by property taxes			25,997.17
Total revenues			$33,293.90

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1953	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1954
(Continued from page 7)			
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	300.00	326.44	300.00
Unclassified:			
Flood damage		607.32	
Taxes bought by town		111.63	
Abatements		70.00	
Advertising and Regional Ass'n.	40.00	40.00	40.00
Refunds		67.25	
Interest:			400.00
On temporary loans		24.92	
Long term notes		430.96	
Outlay for new construction and permanent improvements:			
Highways and Bridges,			
Duncan money		856.96	
Wages to grader operator		205.50	
Snow trap project	1,000.00	964.02	1,000.00
New lands and buildings			200.00
New equipment		15,954.40	
Indebtedness:			
Payment on principal of debt,			
Temporary loans		2,000.00	
Long term notes:			
Truck $1,000: grader $2,000	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds			500.00
State Head taxes		395.03	
Payments to other governmental divisions:			
County taxes		2,020.45	2,200.00
School taxes		9,600.00	14,000.00
Total expenditures	$15,139.98	$49,651.43	$33,293.90

INVENTORY

of Valuation for the Tax Year, 1953

DESCRIPTION	VALUATION
Lands and buildings (exclusive of growing wood and timber)	$395,815.00
Electric plants	27,761.00
Horses, asses and mules, 22	1,300.00
Oxen, 27	2,550.00
Cows, 89	13,475.00
Sheep and goats, 34	680.00
Fowls, 450	400.00
Portable mills, 1	1,000.00
Wood, lumber etc.	1,940.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks, 4	500.00
Stock in trade	2,200.00
Total gross valuation before exemptions allowed	$447,621.00
Less soldiers' exemptions, 32	27,250.00
Net valuation on which tax rate is computed	$420,371.00

Tax rate per $100 valuation: $4.90

APPROPRIATIONS

and Taxes Assessed, 1953

Town charges		$ 2,500.00
Blister Rust—Moth extermination		400.00
Town Road Aid		399.98
Town maint., summer $3,000; winter $1,500		4,500.00
General expenses of the highway department		1,250.00
Snow trap project		1,000.00
Cutting brush		400.00
Street lighting		450.00
New equipment		2,000.00
Old Age Assistance		900.00
Cemeteries		300.00
Advertising and Regional Associations		40.00
Payments on debt (prin. $1,000; int. $500)		1,500.00
County tax		2,020.45
School tax		9,765.05
Total town and school appropriations		$27,425.48
Less estimated revenues and credits:		
Interest and dividends tax	665.74	
Railroad tax	100.00	
Savings bank tax	30.00	
Reimbursement a/c exemption of growing wood and timber	4,381.58	
Motor vehicle permit fees	750.00	
Dog licenses	150.00	
Business licenses and permits	10.00	
Int. on taxes and income on trust funds	30.00	
Cash surplus	800.00	
Total revenues and credits		6,917.32
		$20,508.16
Plus overlay		404.02
Net amount to be raised by taxation		$20,912.18
Less 149 poll taxes @ $2	298.00	
National bank stock taxes	16.00	314.00
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured		$20,598.18

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdrafts
Town charges	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,655.69	$	$155.69
Town Road Aid	399.98	399.98		
Summer and winter work	4,500.00	4,460.46	39.54	
General expenses highway dept.	1,250.00	1,352.84		102.84
Cutting brush	400.00	425.00		25.00
Amortization for notes on truck	3,000 00	3,000.00		
Street lighting	450.00	466.52		16.52
Upkeep of cemeteries	300.00	326.44		26.44
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region	40.00	40.00		
Snow trap project	1,000.00	964.02	35.98	
Old Age Assistance	900.00	1,111.42		211.42
White Pine Blister control	400.00	399.98	.02	
Interest on grader and truck notes		430.96		430.96
Totals	$15,139.98	$16,033.31	$75.54	$968.87
				75.54
			Net overdraft	$893.33

Financial Report

for the

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

February 8, 1954.

HARRY L. PORTER,
FRANK McINTOSH,
WILLIS H. BALLOU,
Selectmen.

DANA S. GROSS, Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash	
In hands of treasurer	$ 8,845.83
Capital Reserve Fund	
Acquisition of equipment	530.14
Memorial fund	204.27
Accounts Due to the Town	
Due from State:	
Grantham fire	43.37
Bounties	130.50
Unredeemed Taxes	
Levy of 1952	111.63
Levy of 1951	115.99
Previous years	11.90
Uncollected Taxes	
Levy of 1953	2,305.74
Levy of 1952	5.05
State Head taxes—Levy 1953	245.00
Total assets	$12,549.42
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)	14,847.41
This grand total	$27,396.83
Net debt, December 31, 1952	$ 1,438.58
Net debt, December 31, 1953	$14,847.41
Increase (purpose: purchased new grader)	$13,408.83

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town	
Due to State:	
State Head taxes—1953	$ 683.50
Due to School District:	
Balance of appropriation	7,241.05
Capital Reserve Fund	
Acquisition of equipment	530.14
Memorial fund	204.27
Long Term Notes Outstanding	
Austin Weston grader	14,000.00
Ford truck	4,737.87
Total liabilities	$27,396.83

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Dog Licenses

1953 licenses issued, 74	
48 males @ $2	$ 96.00
11 females @ $5	55.00
14 females @ $2	28.00
1 kennel license	12.00
14 penalties @ 50c.	7.00
	$198.00
Less 74 license fees @ 20c.	14.80
Paid town	$183.20

Motor Vehicle Tax Permits

Whole number permits issued, 196	
Received for 8, 1952 permits	$ 20.98
Received for 187, 1953 permits	884.36
Received for 1, 1954 permit	2.04
Paid town	$907.38

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1953

Dr.

Taxes committed to Collector:			
Property taxes	$20,614.18		
Poll taxes	298.00		
Total warrant		$20,912.18	
Yield taxes		470.15	
Added taxes:			
Property taxes		117.60	
Poll taxes		2.00	
Interest collected		1.63	
Total debits			$21,503.56

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:			
Property taxes		$18,539.19	
Poll taxes		216.00	
Yield taxes		441.09	
Interest collected		1.63	
Uncollected taxes as per Collector's List:			
Property taxes		2,192.68	
Poll taxes		84.00	
Yield taxes		29.06	
Total credits			$21,503.65

State Head Tax

Levy of 1953

Dr.

State Head taxes committed to Collector:			
Original warrant	$915.00		
Added taxes	10.00		
Total commitment		925.00	
Penalties collected		3.50	
Total debits			$928.50

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:			
Head taxes	680.00		
Penalties	3.50		
		683.50	
Uncollected Head taxes as per Collector's list		245.00	
Total credits			$928.50

Levy of 1952

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1953		$275.00	
Added taxes during 1953		15.00	
Penalties collected during 1953		24.00	
Total debits			$314.00

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer during 1953:			
Head taxes	240.00		
Penalties	24.00		
		264.00	
Abatements during 1953		50.00	
Total credits			$314.00

LELAND L. RILEY, Tax Collector.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Leland L. Riley, Collector:	
1953 taxes	$18,755.19
1953 Head taxes	680.00
1953 Head tax penalties	3.50
1953 Timber taxes	441.09
1953 interest on taxes	1.63
1952 taxes	2,021.55
1952 Head taxes	290.00
1952 Head tax penalties	24.00
1952 Timber taxes	201.20
1952 interest on taxes	25.25
1951 taxes	2.00
Loans:	
First N. H. Corporation, serial notes	16,000.00
First National Bank, short term notes	2,000.00
State of New Hampshire:	
For Class V roads	1,075.73
For Timber tax	3,911.87
Interest and dividends tax	670.56
Railroad tax	100.93
Savings bank tax	43.34
Use of Grader:	
State of New Hampshire	530.25
Lakeside Lodge	90.00
Town of Grantham	133.88
Harry L. Porter	72.00
Refunds:	
Gauthier & Woodard, insurance	19.65
State of N. H., gas tax	18.85
State of N. H., expense of forest fires	31.67
State of N. H., bounties	23.00
First N. H. Corporation, interest on notes	55.58
Town of Grantham, forest fire expense	1,279.41

Canceled check	5.95
Town Clerk:	
1952 motor vehicle tax permits	20.98
1953 motor vehicle tax permits	884.36
1954 motor vehicle tax permits	2.04
1953 dog licenses	176.20
1953 penalties	7.00
Town officers' filing fees	5.00
Other Receipts:	
Blue Mt. Forest Ass'n, for old road machine	100.00
Selectmen, rent of town hall	45.00
Selectmen, pistol permits	3.00
Trustees of trust funds, for mowing burial lots	20.00
Receipts for the year	$49,771.66
Balance from 1952	8,725.60
Total receipts	$58,497.26
Paid on orders of the selectmen	49,651.43
Balance on hand	$ 8,845.83

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue

From local taxes: (collected and remitted to treasurer)		
Property taxes, current year, 1953	$18,547.19	
Poll taxes, current year, regular @ $2, 1953	208.00	
Yield taxes, 1953	642.29	
State Head taxes @ $5, 1953	680.00	
Total current year's taxes collected and remitted		20,077.48
Property taxes and Yield taxes, previous years		2,023.55
State Head taxes @ $5, previous years		290.00
Interest received on taxes		26.88
Penalties on State Head taxes		27.50
From State:		
For highways and bridges:		
For Class V highway maintenance		1,075.73
Interest and dividend tax		670.56
Railroad tax		100.93
Savings bank tax		43.34
Reimbursement a/c exemption of growing wood and timber		3,911.87
Fighting forest fires		31.67
Bounties		23.00
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Dog licenses		183.20
Business licenses, permits and filing fees		8.00
Total of above current revenue receipts		$28,493.71

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Payments for the Year Ended December 31, 1953

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses

General Government:		
Town officers' salaries		$ 1,060.00
Town officers' expenses		491.89
Election and registration expenses		12.00
Expenses of town hall and other town buildings		166.06
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police department		12.30
Fire department, including forest fires		1,781.57
Moth extermination—Blister Rust		399.98
Bounties		130.50
Insurance		509.94
Health:		
Vital statistics		9.50
Motor vehicles		94.00
Highways and Bridges:		
Flood damage		607.32
Town road aid		399.98
Town maintenance, summer	2,924.19	
winter	1,536.27	4,460.46
Street lighting		466.52
General expenses of highway department		1,352.84
Cutting brush		425.00
Libraries:		30.00
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance		1,111.42
Town poor		14.73
Recreation:		
Regional Ass'n		40.00
Total above current maintenance expenses		$13,576.01

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RECEIPTS

(Brought forward from page 20)			$28,493.71
Rent of town property			45.00
Income from trust funds			20.00
Registration of motor vehicles, 1952 permits			20.98
Registration of motor vehicles, 1953 permits			886.40
Total current revenue receipts			$29,466.09
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue			
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year		$ 2,000.00	
Long term notes during year		16,000.00	
Insurance adjustment		19.65	
Refund, interest First N. H. Corp.		55.58	
Sale of town property:			
Grader to Blue Mt. Forest Ass'n		100.00	
Town of Grantham, Grantham fire		1,279.41	
Rent for use of Grader:			
State of New Hampshire	530.25		
Lakeside Lodge	90.00		
Town of Grantham	133.88		
Harry L. Porter	72.00	826.13	
Gas tax refund		18.85	
Canceled check		5.95	
Total receipts other than current revenue			20,305.57
Total receipts from all sources			$49,771.66
Cash on hand January 1, 1953			8,725.60
This grand total			$58,497.26

Payments for the Year Ended December 31, 1953

PAYMENTS

(Brought forward from page 21)		$13,576.01
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day		14.40
Aid to soldiers and their families		33.46
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries		326.44
Unclassified:		
Wages to grader operator for rent of grader		205.50
Taxes bought by town		111.63
Abatements		70.00
Refund on taxes		67.25
Total current maintenance expenses		$14,404.69
Interest		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	$ 24.92	
Paid on long term notes, truck, $130.96; grader, $300	430.96	455.88
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements		
Duncan money	$ 856.96	
Snow trap project	964.02	
New equipment	15,954.40	17,775.38
Indebtedness		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes		2,000.00
Payments on long term notes, grader, truck		3,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		
State Head taxes paid to State treasurer		395.03
Taxes paid to County		2,020.45
School District (1952 tax, 7,076; 1953, 2,524)		9,600.00
Total payments for all purposes		$49,651.43
Cash on hand December 31, 1953		8,845.83
Should equal this grand total		$58,497.26

Schedule of Town Property

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
Town hall, lands and buildings	$ 4,000.00
Furniture and equipment	300.00
Library, furniture and equipment	100.00
Fire department, equipment	300.00
Highway department, lands and buildings	1,500.00
Equipment: truck $5,000; grader $16,000	21,000.00
Schools, lands and buildings, equipment	5,000.00
Town dump	150.00
All lands and buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:	
Cronin lot	1,500.00
Total	$33,850.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Town officers' salaries	$ 1,060.00
Town officers' expenses	491.89
Election and registration expenses	12.00
Expenses of town hall	166.06
Police department	12.30
Fire department, including forest fires	1,781.57
Moth extermination—Blister Rust	399.98
Bounties	130.50
Insurance	509.94
Vital statistics	9.50
Motor vehicles	94.00
Flood damage	607.32
Town road aid	399.98
Town maint., summer 2,924.19; winter 1,536.27	4,460.46
Street lighting	466.52
General expenses of highway department	1,352.84
Cutting brush	425.00
Library	30.00
Old age assistance	1,111.42
Town poor	14.73
Regional Ass'n	40.00
Memorial Day	14.40
Aid to soldiers and their families	33.46
Cemeteries	326.44
Wages to grader operator for rent of grader	205.50
Taxes bought by town	111.63
Abatements, 70.00; refund on taxes 67.25	137.25
Interest	455.88
Duncan money	856.96
Snow trap project	964.02
New equipment	15,954.40
Temporary loans	2,000.00
Long term notes	3,000.00
State Head taxes paid to State treasurer	395.03
Taxes paid to County	2,020.45
School District, 1952 tax, 7,076; 1953, 2,524	9,600.00
Total payments for all purposes	$49,651.43

General Expenses of Highway Dept.

1953

Jan.	10	George Vaine	$ 19.50
	10	Charles Maxham	6.76
	10	Stanley Ford Sales	5.34
Jan.	16	Howard's Garage	6.00
	23	Merrimack Farmers Exchange	12.25
	30	Charles Maxham	1.25
Feb.	6	Vaines Gulf Station	18.14
	20	Baums Castorine Co., Inc.	11.52
	20	Casellini Venable Corp.	1.96
Mar.	20	Casellini Venable Corp.	5.37
	20	Gilberts Bear Service	45.00
Apr.	10	Vaines Service Station	18.34
	17	Vaines Service Station	9.00
	17	Silsby & Johnson	1.40
	17	Corbett Oil Co.	12.37
	24	Silsby & Johnson	3.96
	24	Gardiner Stetson	36.21
May	1	Scott Machinery, Inc.	7.75
	8	Construction Equipment Co.	144.38
	8	Arnold Sherman, express charge	3.00
	8	Vaines Service Station	47.63
	8	Gillingham Garage	1.50
	15	Vaines Service Station	10.42
	15	Silsby & Johnson	2.58
June	24	Maxhams Garage	3.50
	24	Western Auto	1.66
	24	Reney Bros., bridge planking	35.84
	26	Corbett Oil Co.	1.50
July	24	Scott Machinery Corp.	17.52
Aug.	7	R. C. Hazelton Corp., culverts	527.42
	7	Scott Machinery Corp.	18.42
	7	Silsby & Johnson	13.14
	7	Corbett Oil Co.	6.12

Aug.	7	Vaines Service Station	9.01
	7	Corbett Oil Co.	13.00
	7	Gardiner Stetson	11.75
	21	Newport Welding Co.	9.00
	21	Corbett Oil	8.03
Sept.	4	Rowell Bros.	3.75
	11	Vaines Service Station	11.18
	11	Riley's Store	13.14
	11	Elmer Eastman	6.52
Oct.	16	Scott Machinery Corp.	17.72
Nov.	20	Stanley Ford Sales	8.10
	27	Scott Machinery Corp.	11.16
Dec.	4	Vaines Gulf Station	23.53
	11	Northeastern Petroleum Co., Inc.	72.00
	31	Newport Welding Co.	64.80
	31	Merrimack Farmers Exchange	12.40
	31	Gillingham Garage	1.00
		Total	$1,352.84

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

1953

ARNOLD SHERMAN, Agent

Winter work	$1,536.27
Summer work	2,924.19
Cutting brush	425.00
Cemeteries	326.44
Snow trap project	964.02
Duncan money	856.96
Flood damage	607.32
Total expended on highway	$7,640.20
General expense highway	1,352.84
Grand total	$8,993.04

TOWN ROAD AID

Apportionment

State	$2,666.54	Town	$399.98
Balance 1952	3.49		
	$2,670.03	Total	$3,070.01

Money spent on Town Road to Farrington and Ballou road.

Tabular Statement of Trust Funds, Income and Expenditures, December 31, 1953

Date of Creation	Name of Fund and Purpose of Creation	Amount of Principal	How Invested—Rate of Interest	Income on hand at beginning of year	Income during year	Expended during year	Income on hand at end of year
1804	School fund, schools	$1,218.17	Newport Savings Bank	.....	33.73	33.73	.....
1903	Asa Davis, Davis cemetery	150.00		7.01	4.15	.....	11.16
1911	Gilman Whipple, burial lot	200.00		93.46	5.53	4.50	94.49
1913	Hannah Stevens, "	50.00		1.10	1.39	.....	2.49
1917	Kate Clark, "	50.00		1.21	1.39	.....	2.60
1920	Baldwin Humphrey, "	100.00		20.57	2.77	2.25	21.09
1924	Harriet Cooper, "	100.00		5.61	2.77	5.00	3.38
1928	Almon Coon, "	100.00		6.52	2.77	2.50	6.79
1928	Albert Parlin, Croy. Flat Church	10,000.00		.....	276.88	276.88	.....
1930	Hilliard Sanborn, 5 burial lots	500.00		62.16	13.84	12.50	63.50
1941	Louisa Bailey, Wm. Angell lot	75.00		8.71	2.08	.....	10.79
1950	Clinton Barton, Albert Barton lot	200.00		6.18	5.53	2.25	9.46
1950	Clinton Barton, John Barton lot	100.00		4.59	2.77	.....	7.36
1950	Town of Croydon, Cap. Res've f'nd	530.14		.....	*.....	.....	.....
1951	Clinton Barton, Cong'l Church	2,000.00		.....	55.38	55.38	.....
1951	DeWitt Barton, 2 burial lots	200.00		5.63	5.53	.....	11.16
1951	Town of Croydon, Soldiers' Mem.	204.27		.....	*.....	.....	.....
		$15,777.58		$222.75	$416.51	$394.99	$244.27

*Income on Capital Reserve fund $7.92 and Memorial fund $4.27 added to principal

ERNEST P. KIBBEY,
CHARLES E. WINTER,
DANA S. GROSS,
Trustees.

TOWN LIBRARY

Librarian's Report

Number of books loaned during the year		644
Adult	380	
Juvenile	264	
Number of books added by purchase		12
Number of books added by gift		10

SADIE E. MUZZEY, Librarian.

Trustees' Report

Balance from 1952	$30.14	
1953 appropriation	30.00	
		$60.14
Paid for 12 books		24.00
		$36.14

SADIE E. MUZZEY,
BEATRICE B. SMITH,
MARY E. SMITH,
Trustees.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Clerk, Collector of Taxes, and Trustees of the Trust Funds of the Town of Croydon for the year ending December 31, 1953, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

February 4, 1954

DORIS FARRINGTON, Town Auditor.

Financial Report

of the

Croydon School District

for the

Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1952

and Ending June 30, 1953

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

July 13, 1953.

DANA S. GROSS,
ERNEST P. KIBBEY,
MARGARET L. WEBER,
School Board.

RALPH H. MEACHAM, Superintendent.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Croydon, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.
July 13, 1953.

KATHARINE C. FOGG, Auditor.

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1953

ASSETS

Cash on hand June 30, 1953	$ 91.69
Accounts Due to District:	
From town	1,326.00
Total assets	$1,417.69

LIABILITIES

Surplus (Excess of assets over liabilities)	$1,417.69

RECEIPTS

State Aid:		
Foundation aid		$ 1,990.62
Local Taxation:		
Current appropriation	9,100.00	
Balance of previous appropriations	633.54	
		9,733.54
Other Sources:		
Trust fund	30.64	
Other	7.00	
		37.64
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1952		81.95
Grand total net receipts		$11,843.75

PAYMENTS

Administration:	
Salaries of district officers	$ 173.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)	231.72
Tax for state wide supervision	142.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	99.00
Supplies and expenses	123.73
Instruction:	
Teachers' salaries	4,550.00
Books and other instructional aids	173.84
Scholars' supplies	252.52
Operation of School Plant:	
Salaries of janitors	360.00
Fuel	227.19
Water, lights and supplies	110.75
Maintenance of School Plant:	
Repairs and replacements	154.26
Auxiliary Activities:	
Health supervision	182.68
Transportation	2,160.00
Tuition	2,496.66
Fixed Charges:	
Retirement	272.21
Insurance, treasurer's bond	42.50
Total net payments for all purposes	$11,752.06
Cash on hand at end of year, June 30, 1953	91.69
Grand total net payments	$11,843.75

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1953

SUMMARY

Cash on hand July 1, 1952		$ 81.95
Received from Selectmen:		
Current appropriation	9,100.00	
Balance of previous appropriation	633.54	
Received from State Treasurer:		
State funds	1,990.62	
Received as income from trust fund	30.64	
Received from all other sources	7.00	
Total receipts		11,761.80
Total amount available for fiscal year		$11,843.75
Less School Board orders paid		11,752.06
Balance on hand June 30, 1953		$ 91.69

WILLIS H. BALLOU, District Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the Treasurer of the School District of Croydon, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, and find them correct in all respects.

July 13, 1953.

KATHARINE C. FOGG, Auditor.

DETAILED PAYMENTS, 1952-1953

District Officers	
Aunne K. Leeman, School Board	$ 35.00
Dana S. Gross, School Board	60.00
Ernest P. Kibbey, School Board	35.00
Willis H. Ballou, Clerk and Treasurer	39.00
Wilfrid H. Dent, Moderator	2.00
Barbara G. Page, Auditor	2.00
	$ 173.00
Administrative Personnel	
District's share, Supv. Union clerk's salary	$ 84.00
Ernest Kibbey, school census	10.00
Harold McAdams, truant officer	5.00
	$ 99.00
Supervision	
Supervisory Union, Supt's excess salary	* $ 231.72
Town, per capita tax paid	142.00
	$ 373.72
Expenses of Administration	
Citizens National Bank, checking service	$ 12.65
Supervisory Union	75.14
Claremont Publishing Co.	14.54
The Argus Press	6.00
Edson C. Eastman Co.	4.50
Ernest Kibbey	4.82
Dana Gross	6.08
	$ 123.73
Teachers' Salaries	
Mrs. Doris E. Kibbey, Flat	$2,144.80
Teachers' Retirement System	155.20
	$2,300.00
Mrs. Nettie H. Yeaton, East Village	$2,071.89
Teachers' Retirement System	161.31
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	16.80
	$2,250.00

Janitors' Salaries

Mrs. Doris E. Kibbey	$ 180.00
Mrs. Nettie H. Yeaton	180.00
	$ 360.00

Books and Instructional Aids

Scott Foresman & Co.	$ 17.16
Houghton Mifflin Co.	34.12
Charles Scribners Sons	15.12
Follett Publishing Co.	28.57
Silver Burdett Co.	8.70
C. S. Hammond Co.	7.50
Supervisory Union	62.67
	$ 173.84

Scholars' Supplies

Supervisory Union	$ 10.90
Milton Bradley Co.	1.00
Follett Publishing Co.	30.28
Silver Burdett Co.	5.72
Beckley-Cardy Co.	5.42
Houghton Mifflin Co.	14.41
American Book Co.	6.74
Henry S. Wolkins	7.84
Rand, Ball & King	2.75
Scott Foresman & Co.	2.86
J. L. Hammett Co.	15.14
World Book Co.	2.08
Gledhill Bros.	134.88
Leland L. Riley	12.50
	$ 252.52

Fuel

Russell Beliveau, 10 cords wood	$ 150.00
Martin's Hardware, 5,195 lbs. coal	75.19
Ernest Kibbey	2.00
	$ 227.19

Lights and Janitors' Supplies

Public Service Co. of N. H.	$ 52.11
Silsby & Johnson	3.23
Leland L. Riley	10.68
Mt. Kilburn Paper Co.	44.73
	$ 110.75

Repairs and Replacements

Measury Young Co.	$ 21.74
Mary Smith	30.00
Silsby & Johnson	19.72
Carroll Gross	3.00
Electime Appliance Co.	5.40
Gerald Gross	7.00
Don's Furniture Shop, stove	43.00
Rowell Bros.	1.20
Dana Gross	1.00
Ernest Kibbey	5.00
General Electric Supply	17.20
	$ 154.26

Health

Supervisory Union, supplies for Nurse	$ 4.28
R. H. Meacham, Supt., salary of Nurse	176.90
Railway Express	1.50
	$ 182.68

Transportation

Rita D. Gross	$ 2,160.00

High School Tuition

Newport School District	$ 2,250.00
Tuition for,	
Marjorie Alexander — Marion McAdams	
Frank Bridgeo — Frances Ballou	
Shelia Lane — John Farrington	
Richard Leeman — Paul Tuttle	
Shirley Linton — Jeannine Riley	
Sunapee School District,	
Tuition for Sandra MacWilliams	225.00
	$ 2,475.00

Elementary Tuition

Newport School District, tuition for Cheryl Cutting	$ 21.66

Retirement

N. H. Teachers Retirement System	$ 269.81
Supervisory Union, Supt's retirement	2.40
	$ 272.21

Insurance and Bonds

A. L. Cushion Agency, treasurer's bond	$ 5.00
A. L. Cushion Agency, insurance	37.50
	$ 42.50

* Superintendent's Salary

1952-1953

Acworth	$ 186.33
Charlestown	1,197.88
Cornish	505.77
Croydon	159.72
Goshen	133.10
Langdon	133.10
Lempster	133.10
Unity	212.95
	$2,661.95
State share	2,275.00
	$4,936.95

CROYDON FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BUDGET

	Actual Expenditures 1952-1953	Estimated Expenditures 1953-1954	Proposed Budget 1954-1955
Administration:			
Salaries of district officers	$ 173.00	$ 180.00	$ 180.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)	231.72	147.00	144.75
Tax for state wide supervision	142.00	146.00	136.00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	99.00	109.50	161.40
Supplies and expenses	123.73	144.00	51.03
Instruction:			
Teachers' salaries	4,550.00	5,050.00	5,500.00
Books and other instructional aids	173.84	200.00	150.00
Scholars' supplies	252.52	200.00	225.00
Supplies and other expenses			50.00
Operation of School Plant:			
Salaries of janitors	360.00	360.00	360.00
Fuel	227.19	175.00	225.00
Water, lights and supplies	110.75	150.00	150.00
Maintenance of School Plant:			
Repairs and replacements	154.26	200.00	300.00

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Auxiliary Activities:			
Health supervision	182.68	226.00	225.00
Transportation	2,160.00	2,360.00	2,360.00
Tuition	2,496.66	4,015.00	5,945.00
Special activities and spec. funds			25.00
Fixed Charges:			
Retirement	272.21	357.00	402.07
Insurance, treasurer's bond	42.50	79.05	80.00
Capital Outlay:			
New equipment			125.00
Total expenditure or school appropriation	$11,752.06	$14,098.55	$16,795.25
Balance (Actual or Estimated)	91.69		

Receipts

Balance (Actual or Estimated)	$ 81.95	$ 91.69	
State Aid	1,990.62	2,789.26	1,468.17
Trust funds	30.64	33.73	33.73
Other	7.00		
District assessment	9,733.54	11,091.05	15,293.35
Total appropriation	$11,843.75	$14,005.73	$16,795.25

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Croydon, I herewith submit my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools:

Both the Village and Flat school floors were cleaned and sealed during the summer. It has been necessary to repair the stoves at both schools.

Mr. Dana Gross received a citation from the State School Boards Association for his forty-two years of service as a member of the Croydon School Board.

Mrs. Helen Conroy was employed to teach grades 5-8 at the Village School to replace Mrs. Yeaton who resigned to be married and has since been employed as a teacher in Cornish. Although Mrs. Conroy had not taught for many years, she was able to make use of her previous experience and has won the respect and admiration of the pupils. She has adapted her teaching to modern youth and given them sound training in the basic subjects.

Mrs. Doris Kibbey continues to teach the pupils of grades 1-4 very effectively. She has also continued her own educational advancement by taking extension courses.

Mr. Lawrence Darling purchased an improved bus for the transportation of pupils and has operated it most satisfactorily.

The enrollment has increased to the point where consideration must be given either to building or the transporting of elementary pupils to Newport.

A new building with modern facilities would, in my estimation, be an asset to the town of Croydon and could improve the educational offerings to the pupils. It would also assist in securing qualified teachers as necessary.

I believe the citizens must weigh very carefully the problems involved in building and the advantages of educating the pupils in Croydon as opposed to transporting the intermediate grades to Newport where increased competition, modern facilities and well trained teachers are available.

Although I will not be working with you after July 1 as your superintendent, I shall still be very interested in your educational problems.

I wish to thank you for your cooperation and support, and I know that you will extend the same assistance to Mr. Flint, who will help you find the solutions to your problems effectively and efficiently. I particularly wish to thank the members of the school board for their advice and support in all problems that confront a beginning superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH H. MEACHAM,

Superintendent.

SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

Good health has been defined as "a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and the foundation of joyous, zestful living." This is the goal for which we are striving in our school health program.

Our school health program is carried out through the cooperation of the state, the local administrative staff of the schools, the teaching personnel, the parents, the pupils and the school nurse.

Our first concern is for the physical well-being of our children. The child who has some physical defect, no matter how minor, and is not given the benefit of needed medical care, certainly cannot be the happy child we would like him to be.

Routine inspections which are conducted in every school by your school nurse serve as a screening. These inspections consist of heights, weights, general condition, appearance, vision and hearing tests. If any defect is observed, a notice is sent home to the parents of the child. These notices in no way serve a diagnostic purpose. Your school nurse reports symptoms only. A reply to the notice, by the parents, is most desirable. If no reply is made, or if the parents request the nurse's assistance, she in turn makes a home visit to determine how she may best assist the parents in obtaining care for the child.

Many organizations—federal, state, and local service organizations—stand ready to help in providing the necessary care for our children. If financial assistance is needed for eye care, service organizations such as the Rotary and Lion's Clubs are very generous and helpful. The Sight Conservation Program, which is sponsored by the State Department of Public Welfare, is also available. Our same service organizations are

also very interested in our hearing difficulties. There again, state assistance is available through the Crippled Children's Services. If the loss of hearing is due to a congenital abnormality which may be corrected, Crippled Children's Services will authorize treatment. Funds for hearing aids are not available through this service. We are dependent upon the N. H. Hearing Society, welfare agencies and service organizations for assistance in the purchase of hearing aids.

In the case of the retarded child or the child who has great difficulty in adjusting himself to school and his environment, the Child Guidance Clinic, under Dr. Philbrick, is available as a diagnostic clinic.

These are only a few of the many agencies which stand ready to assist our children whenever the need arises. They assume a share in the responsibility of keeping our children healthy, happy and well-adjusted.

The cooperation of each one of us is the important factor in the success of our health program.

In conclusion, I would like to thank each one of you for your interest and your help in carrying out this important program.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE MACIVER, School Nurse.

BIRTHS

Registered in the Town of Croydon for the Year ending December 31, 1953

Date of birth	Place of Birth	Name of child	Sex	Living or Stillborn	No. of child	Color	Name of father	Maiden name of mother	Color	Residence of parents	Occupation of father	Birthplace of father	Birthplace of mother
Mar. 7	Newport	Gail Louise	F	Living	1	White	Floyd E. Currier	Jean E. Winter	White	Croydon	Lumberman	Grantham	Croydon
Mar. 11	Newport	Lawrence Leon	M		3		Leon J. Huot	Mary E. Geoffrey		Croydon		Canada	Canada
Mar. 17	Newport	Shirley Ann	F		3		Thomas C. Bridgeo	Helen V. Pendexter		Croydon	Teamster	Jamaica, Mass.	So. Hiram, Me.
July 20	Newport	June Marie	F		2		Russell S. Beliveau	Barbara A. Briggs		Croydon	Farmer	Manchester	Littleton
Sept. 29	Claremont	Arthur Lee	M		2		Rene J. Lal'orte	Bernice H. Merey		Croydon	Laborer	New Hampshire	New Hampshire
Dec. 14	Claremont	Dona Lisa	F		1		Franklyn McIntosh	Pearl Kramer		Croydon	Salesman	New York	California
Dec. 18	Claremont	Holly Belle	F		3		Edward B. Benoit	Myrtle G. Porter		Croydon	Laborer	New Hampshire	New Hampshire

MARRIAGES

Registered in the Town of Croydon for the Year ending December 31, 1953

Date of marriage	Place of marriage	Name and Surname of groom and bride	Residence of each at time of marriage	Age	Color	Occupation of groom and bride	Place of birth of each	Names of parents	Birthplace of parents	Condition	Name of person by whom married
Feb. 14	Newport	Arthur R. Ferguson	Claremont	21	White	Truck Driver	N. H.	Ralph Ferguson	N. H.	S	Robert J. MacLeod
								Adeline Gould	N. H.		Clergyman
		June H. Persons	Croydon	19		Shoeshop	N. H.	Arthur C. Persons	N. H.	S	Newport
								Mildred H. Blanchard	N. H.		
July 25	Keene	Harry E. Johnson, Sr.	West Lebanon	57		R. R. Employee	N. H.	Arthur W. Johnson	Vt.	w	Edward W. Neury
								Lillian E. Barber	N. H.		Clergyman
		Nettie H. Yeaton	Croydon	48		School Teacher	N. H.	Clarence Holmes	N. H.	D	Keene
								Winifred Dorr	N. H.		
Sept. 5	Croydon	Fred L. Currier, Jr.	Newport	21		Lumbering	N. H.	Fred L. Currier, Sr.	N. H.	S	Robert J. MacLeod
								Josephine Spaulding	N. H.		Clergyman
		Jeannine L. Riley	Croydon	17		Bookkeeper	N. H.	Leland L. Riley	Calif.	S	Newport
								Jeanne M. Gruiffles	France		

DEATHS

Registered in the Town of Croydon for the Year ending December 31, 1953

Date of death	Place of death	Name and surname of deceased	Age			Place of birth	Sex and condition			Occupation	Place of birth		Name of father	Maiden name of mother
			Years	Months	Days		Sex	Color	Single, married or widowed		Father	Mother		
Jan. 16	Newport	Annie M. Rowell	80	..	..	Croydon	F	White	w	Housewife			Andrew J. Sawyer	Marcia J. Humphrey
Jan. 21	New London	Lucy B. Barton	80	..	..	Bristol	F		w	Housewife			William Benton	Juliet Knight
Feb. 22	Concord	David J. Lacoss	85	..	..	New York	M		w	Machinist			Joseph Lacoss	Unknown
Mar. 5	Newport	Cora A. Crowell	73	..	..	Croydon	F		M	Housewife			Epaphras Paul	Harriet Baker
Apr. 15	Croydon	Myrtle L. Sherman	76	..	..	Springfield	F		w	Housewife			Alonzo B. Putney	Mary J. Messer
May 23	Croydon	Asa D. Cutting, Sr.	57	..	..	Croydon	M		D	Farmer			Ernest L. Cutting	Lenna Crowell
Aug. 15	Croydon	Jean W. Edgell	63	..	..	Orange, N. J.	F		M	Housewife			Warren Delano	Jennie Walters
Sept. 17	Croydon	Susan P. Gross	73	..	..	Grantham	F		M	Housewife			George W. Dunbar	Aurora C. Hemphill

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DANA S. GROSS, Town Clerk.